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- The arrest of Rade Zigic, Dusan Brkic, and Stanko Opacic, is reportedly considered by many Government officials as a greater blow to the internal stability 25X1 of the country than the Mebrang-Zujevic affair, because one of the sore spots of Yugoslav internal affirm, the Berb-Croat ethnic antagonism, was involved. The men are Serbs and they held positions as officials in the Croat Government, 25X1 which was the cause of great resentment among Croats.
  - 2. A group of former Cominformia's arrested in 1948 was set free a short time ago. These men included Kress Jerh, former squadron director in the General Directorate of the Merchant Marine, and a certain Poldo Lujetic, not further identified. They were released from priscs on the assumption that they had succeeded in correcting their attitude toward the Yugoslav Communist Party. They were in deplorable physical condition at the time of their release, and now have accepted work in minor positions.

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